

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 21 and 22 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 2, 3, 12, and 19 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter which is acknowledged with thanks. Claim 4 is amended solely to correct minor informalities and claims 5, 8 and 17 are solely amended so that they do not depend on cancelled claims.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 17 and 21-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ukon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,241,362). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested. Claim 1 has been cancelled and dependent claims 5, 6, 8, 17 and 21-22 have been amended to depend on claims that have been indicated as being allowable. In light of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 2-4, 7, 9-16 and 20 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. The claims have been amended in accordance with this indication of allowable subject matter which is noted with appreciation.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned if it is believed that such contact will expedite the prosecution of the application.

In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2036.

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